

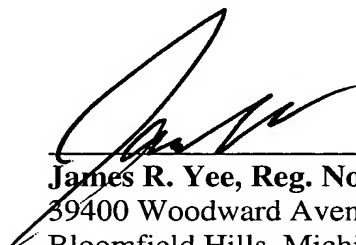
**REMARKS**

No new matter is added by this amendment. The present application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/654,458 filed September 1, 2000. By this amendment claims 1-15 are cancelled and new claims 16-38 are added. The claims remaining in consideration are claims 16-38.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the pending claims are allowable over the art of record. An early notice of allowance is solicited.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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